CLAIMS

1.      A method of securing access to resources in a computing device, comprising the steps of:

storing an encrypted access code in a known memory location with the

5   computing device;

receiving a password to access the resources;

encrypting the password to produce a encrypted password;

comparing the encrypted password to the encrypted access code;

allowing access to the resources if the encrypted access code matches the

10  encrypted password.

2.      The method of claim 1 wherein the step of storing an encrypted access code comprises the step of storing a hashed access code.

3.      The method of claim 2 wherein the step of encrypting a password comprises the step of hashing a password.

15      4.      The method of claim 1 wherein the encrypted access code is stored in a memory that cannot be externally modified.

5.      The method of claim 1 wherein the step of allowing access comprises the step of allowing access to testing resources if the encrypted access code matches the encrypted password.

20      6.      The method of claim 1 wherein the step of allowing access comprises the step of allowing access to change system parameters if the encrypted access code matches the encrypted password.

7.      A computing device comprising:

a processing system

25      a memory for storing an encrypted access code;

input circuitry for receiving a password to access the resources;

wherein the processing circuitry:

encrypts the password to produce a encrypted password;

compares the encrypted password to the encrypted access code;

5                  allows access to the resources if the encrypted access code matches

the encrypted password.

8.      The computing device of claim 7 wherein the encrypted access code comprises a hashed access code.

9.      The computing device of claim 8 wherein the encrypted password

10    comprises a hashed password.

10.     The computing device of claim 7 wherein the encrypted access code is stored in a memory that cannot be externally modified.

11.     The computing device of claim 7 wherein the processing system allows access to testing resources if the encrypted access code matches the

15    encrypted password.

12.     The computing device of claim 7 wherein the processing system allows access to system parameters if the encrypted access code matches the encrypted password.